

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

107

CWP-126 of 2023

Date of Decision:09.01.2023

Shankar Lal

....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Mr. A.P.S. Sidhu, Advocate, for
Mr. Surinder Garg, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)

The present writ petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India seeking prayer for release of benefits of gratuity, leave encashment, GPF and any other consequential benefits etc. alongwith interest.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that it is a case where the petitioner had retired on 31.01.2021 from the office of respondent No.4 which is the Municipal Council, Raman, District Bhatinda.

Mr. A.P.S. Sidhu, Advocate, for Mr. Surinder Garg, Advocate appearing on behalf of the petitioner has submitted that till date the retiral benefits have not been paid to the petitioner without any justification and therefore he is entitled for the grant of all the retiral benefits alongwith interest @ 18% and even the legal notice dated 30.10.2022 vide Annexure P-2 has not

been decided so far.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Ambika Bedi, learned AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondents No. 1 to 3. Mr. Arjun Dhaliwal, proxy counsel for Ms. Deepali Puri, Addl. A.G. Punjab appeared on behalf of respondents No. 4 and 5.

Since the prayer in the present petition is only for the release of the pensionary benefits of the petitioner alongwith the interest, this Court deems it fit and proper to dispose of the present petition with a direction at this stage to consider and decide the legal notice issued by the petitioner vide Annexure P-2.

Therefore, without observing anything on the merits of the case, the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.4 who is stated to be the competent authority of the petitioner to consider and decide the legal notice dated 30.10.2022 (Annexure P-2) in accordance with law by passing a speaking order within a period of three months from today.

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

January 09, 2023
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Whether speaking	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No